GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES FOR PATIENTS IN GENERAL WARD OF AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients admitted in General Ward of AIIMS are charged for medicines as per the vocabulary prepared by the Hospital;

(b) if so, whether the patients admitted in the General Ward in AIIMS are provided with common and emergency medicines/surgical items including cotton gauge, syringes etc;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring general awareness among the general ward patients in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to check the harassment of poor patients admitted in General ward of AIIMS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The patients, including poor patients coming to AIIMS Casualty/Emergency are provided free medical check up and diagnostic tests. The surgical consumables and life saving drugs are also being provided free of cost. The patients admitted to the general wards are issued specified surgical items and life saving drugs, as per prescribed norms free of cost. In addition, the poor and indigenous patients who cannot afford to buy medicines and surgical items are also provided financial assistance through Poor Patients Fund, National Illness Assistance Fund (AROGYA NIDHI), Prime Ministers Relief Fund, Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant and Voluntary Organization.

(d) & (e): All the patients admitted in the hospital are given a leaflet both in English and Hindi indicating Dos & Don`t indicating the supply of drugs for their requirement when admitted.

(f): All the wards of the hospital are manned by the resident administrator and nursing supervisor. The medical social service officer also interact with the patients and assess their need in terms of medicines, surgical and their basic requirement.